

Obituaries

THOMAS LANMAN, JR.

Thomas H. Lanman Jr., 69, of Duxbury, died Sept. 9 at Beth Israel Hospital.

He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II. He attended Milton Academy, graduated from Harvard University Class of 1951 and received his Master of Education from Harvard Graduate School in 1956. He taught for 20 years before becoming Asst. Superintendent of the Duxbury School System.

He was a past member and chairman of the Duxbury Wage and Personnel Board; a past member of the Duxbury Permanent School Building Committee; a past president of the Duxbury Rotary Club; a member of the Duxbury Fire Department (34 years) and a member of the Duxbury Yacht Club.

He served on the library board of trustees for 28 continuous years from 1968 to the present having been one of the first members elected. During that time he served as vice-chairman from 1973-1975 and chairman from 1989-1992.

He leaves his wife Polly (Edgerton), 2 sons Thomas H. III (Tim) of Hyannis, Peter G. of Duxbury, 2 daughters, Pamela L. Guzzone of Columbia, MD and Sandra L. Anderson of Whitefish, MT, and 5 grandchildren, Kelsey and PJ Lanman, J. and Greer Guzzone, and Carly Anderson. He also leaves 2 sisters, Gertrude Lanman of Newton Highlands and Mary Brown of West Boothbay, ME, 3 nieces and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the First Parish Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alden Library Project, Duxbury Free Library, PO Box 1092, Duxbury 02331.

A Tribute...

As his fellow library trustees, we feel a keen sense of loss at the death of Thomas Lanman Jr., who was an active board member for 28 years until the day he died.

Tom was more than the elder statesman of the trustees; he was a leader and tireless advocate for the Duxbury Free Library, committed to excellence. He brought us a sense of history, a broad knowledge of the town and townspeople, a gracious affability and, most of all, an uncompromising devotion to Duxbury and its library.

First elected to the board in 1968 when the library, once privately run, was made a public institution, Tom served as vice chairman and chairman. He played a major role in charting the library's impending expansion into Upper Alden, and he also worked year in and year out to improve daily library services for Duxbury patrons.

He shouldered responsibilities through lean times and good times, always ready to help with any task, large or small. He drew from experience, acted for the good of the town, and spoke from his heart.

Through it all, he was an inspiration to those of us who participate in local government, for he demonstrated personally how serving our community is more than a duty - it is a privilege.

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